

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application as amended.

In this Amendment, independent claim 1 remains pending without amendment. Claims 2-28 have been canceled.

In this reissue application, issued claim 1 and new claims 2-28 were filed as reissue claims. In the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, claim 1 was allowed, but claims 2-28 were withdrawn from consideration as allegedly being directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The Examiner stated that the non-elected claims would be examined only in a divisional reissue application.

Accordingly, Applicants are canceling claims 2-28 herein. Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a divisional reissue application, presenting in a Preliminary Amendment therein claims 2-28, which are identical to claims 2-28 presented herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine claims 2-28 in the divisional reissue application.

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